

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 4 as follows:

FIG. 11 is a front cross-sectional view of ~~[[the]]~~ FIG. 10.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 10 as follows:

The present invention adapts to all ~~[[of]]~~ scanning apparatuses including multi-function products, scanners, printers, faxes, portable multi-function products and auto-scanners.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13 as follows:

Referring to FIGS. ~~[[2]]~~ 3 to 4, according to a first embodiment of the present invention, a positioning structure for a scanning article, applied in a scanning apparatus is provided. The scanning apparatus includes a scanning platform, a scanning light source received in the scanning platform and ~~[[a]]~~ an image acquisition apparatus arranged in a light path of the scanning light source for slidably contacting the scanning platform. The positioning structure includes ~~[[a]]~~ an upper cover 1, a flexible element 2 and a positioning module 3. The upper cover 1 is disposed on the scanning platform, has at least one opening 12 and projected portion 11 formed thereon and a transparent plate 14 formed between the upper cover 1. A user places a scanning article onto the transparent plate 14 of the upper cover 1 through the opening 12. The opening 12 has a cover plate 13 disposed thereon. The upper cover 1 has a guiding ~~grove~~ groove formed from the opening 12 to pass through the upper cover 1 for guiding the scanning article. The flexible element 2 is disposed in the upper shell 1 to shelter the opening 12 or a gap of the opening 12 from light or dust. The positioning module 3 includes a width positioning sliding block 31 and a length positioning sliding block 32. The length positioning sliding block 32 has a projected portion 39 received in the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12 and the flexible element 2, and a transparent stop portion 16 formed on the projected portion 39. A user may

move the positioning sliding blocks 31 and 32 along the opening 12 to control movement of the transparent stop portion 16 on the transparent plate for adjusting the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The positioning module 3 further includes an elastic element 34 received in the hollow shell 1. One side of the elastic element 34 contacts a concave portion 15 of the hollow shell 1, and another side of the elastic element 34 contacts the projected portion 39 to provide elasticity to make the transparent stop portion 16 to closely contact a side of the scanning article and position the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The scanning apparatus is coordinated with an image acquisition apparatus and software to enhance the accuracy and the scanning quality of the scanning apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 24 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 5 to FIG. 6A, according to a second embodiment of the present invention, a positioning structure for a scanning article is provided, including a hollow shell 1, flexible element 2 and a positioning module 3. The hollow shell 1 is disposed on a scanning platform, has at least one opening 12 and projection portion 11 formed thereon and a transparent plate 14 formed between the hollow shell 1 and the scanning platform. A user places a scanning article onto the transparent plate 14 of the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12. The opening 12 has a cover plate 13 disposed thereon. The hollow shell 1 has a guiding ~~grove~~ groove formed from the opening 12 to pass through the hollow shell 1 for guiding the scanning article. The flexible element 2 is disposed in the hollow shell 1 to shelter the opening 12 or a gap of the opening 12 from the light or dust into the opening 12. The positioning module 3 includes a right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a left-width positioning sliding block 33 horizontally disposed at a left side of the right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a length positioning sliding block 32 vertically disposed at a side of the right-width positioning sliding block 31 and the left-width positioning sliding block 33. Each of the positioning sliding blocks 31, ~~[[31]]~~ 32 and 33 has at least one projected portion 39 received in the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12 and the flexible element 2. The projected portion 39 has two gear portions 37 and a transparent stop portion 16 formed thereon. The positioning module 3 further includes two gears 35 received in the hollow shell 1 for mating with the two gear portions 37 and an elastic element 34 received

in the hollow shell 1. One side of the elastic element 34 contacts a concave portion 15 of the hollow shell 1, and another side of the elastic element 34 contacts the projected portion 39 for providing elasticity to make the transparent stop portion 16 closely contact a side of the scanning article and position the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The scanning apparatus is coordinated with an image acquisition apparatus and software to enhance the accuracy and the scanning quality of the scanning apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 as follows:

The two gear contacts 37 respectively horizontally contact two sides of the two gears 35 for mating with the two gears 35. The projected portion 37 of the second positioning sliding block 32 further includes [[has]] a non-gear contact in contact with the elastic element 34. The user can adjust the positioning sliding blocks 31, 32 and 33 to position the scanning article on the same axial line. The transparent stop portion 16 is extended from the projected portion 11 to the transparent plate 14 to provide a predetermined boundary origin set at an edge thereof. A user can move the positioning sliding blocks 31, 32 and 33 along the opening 12 to control the gear to drive the transparent stop portion 16 horizontally on the transparent plate 14 for adjusting scanning articles with different sizes in a predetermined position for scanning.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 7 to FIG. 8A, according to a third embodiment of the present invention, a positioning structure for the scanning article is provided, including [[a]] an upper cover 1, flexible element 2 and a positioning module 3. The upper cover 1 is disposed on a scanning platform, and has at least one opening 12 and projected portion 11 formed thereon and a transparent plate 14 formed between the upper cover 1 and the scanning platform. A user may place a scanning article onto the transparent plate 14 of the upper cover 1 through the opening 12. The opening 12 has a cover plate 13 disposed thereon. The upper cover 1 has a guiding groove formed from the opening 12 to pass through the upper cover 1 for guiding the scanning article. The flexible element 2 is disposed in the upper cover 1 to shelter the opening 12 or a gap

of the opening 12 from light or dust. The positioning module 3 includes a first positioning sliding block 31 and a third positioning sliding block 33 horizontally disposed at a left side of the first positioning sliding block 31 and a second positioning sliding block 32 vertically disposed at a side of the first positioning sliding block right-width positioning sliding block 31 and the left-width positioning sliding block 33. Each of the positioning sliding blocks 31, ~~[[31]]~~ 32 and 33 has at least one projected portion 39 received in the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12 and the flexible element 2. The projected portion 39 has two gear portions 37 and a transparent stop portion 16 formed thereon. The positioning module 3 further includes at least one gear received in the hollow shell 1 for mating with the two gear portions 37. The gear has a first gear 35 and a second ~~wheel~~ gear 36 stacked with the first gear 35 on the same axle center. An embedded element (as a tenon or a pin) is fixed between the two gears 35 and 36 for preventing the displacement between two gears 35 and 36. The first gear 35 has a C-shaped retaining ring disposed at an end thereof for fixing the gears 35 and 36 on the projected portion 11. The first gear 25 is $\frac{1}{2}$ times a pitch diameter of the second gear 36 for positioning a particular scanning article with a size of, for example, 3x5 or 4x6. The transparent stop portion 16 closely contacts a side of the scanning article and positions the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The scanning apparatus is coordinated with an image acquisition apparatus and software to enhance the accuracy and the scanning quality of the scanning apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 2 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 7 to FIG. 8A, according to a third embodiment of the present invention, a positioning structure for the scanning article is provided, including a hollow shell 1, flexible element 2 and a positioning module 3. The hollow shell 1 is disposed on a scanning platform, and has at least one opening 12 and projected portion 11 formed thereon and a transparent plate 14 formed between the hollow shell 1 and the scanning platform. A user may place the scanning article onto the transparent plate 14 of the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12. The opening 12 has a cover plate 13 disposed thereon. The hollow shell 1 has a guiding ~~grove~~ groove formed from the opening 12 to pass through the hollow shell 1 for guiding the scanning article. The flexible element 2 is disposed in the hollow shell 1 to shelter the opening 12 or a gap of the

opening 12 from the light or dust. The positioning module 3 includes a right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a left-width positioning sliding block 33 horizontally disposed at a left side of the right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a length positioning sliding block 32 vertically disposed at a side of the right-width positioning sliding block 31 and the left-width positioning sliding block 33. Each of the positioning sliding blocks 31, ~~[[31]]~~ 32 and 33 has at least one projected portion 39 received in the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12 and the flexible element 2. The projected portion 39 has two gear portions 37 and a transparent stop portion 16 formed thereon. The positioning module 3 further includes at least one gear received in the hollow shell 1 for mating with the two gear portions 37. The gear has a first gear 35 and a second ~~wheel~~ gear 36 stacked with the first gear 35 on the same axle center, and an embedded element (such as a tenon or a pin) fixed between the two gears 35 and 36 for preventing displacement between two gears 35 and 36. The first gear 35 has a C-shaped retaining ring disposed at an end thereof for fixing the gears 35 and 36 on the projected portion 11. The first gear 25 is $\frac{1}{2}$ times a pitch diameter of the second gear 36 for positioning a particular scanning article with a size of, for example, 3x5 or 4x6. The transparent stop portion 16 closely contacts a side of the scanning article and positions the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The scanning apparatus is coordinated with an image acquisition apparatus and software to enhance the accuracy and the scanning quality of the scanning apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 9 to FIG. 9A, according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention, a positioning structure for the scanning article is provided, including a hollow shell 1, flexible element 2 and a positioning module 3. The hollow shell 1 is disposed on a scanning platform, and has at least one opening 12 and projected portion 11 formed thereon and a transparent plate 14 formed between the hollow shell 1 and the scanning platform. A user places a scanning article onto the transparent plate 14 through the opening 12. The transparent plate 14 has at least one embedded portion 141 embedded on the hollow shell 1 and a projected edge 142 disposed near the embedded portion 141 for separating from the hollow shell 1 or combining with the hollow shell 1. The scanning article is placed onto the transparent plate 14 through the

opening 12. The opening 12 has a cover plate 13 disposed thereon. The hollow shell 1 has a guiding ~~grove~~ groove formed from the opening 12 to pass through the hollow shell 1 for guiding the scanning article. The positioning module 3 includes a right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a left-width positioning sliding block 33 horizontally disposed at a left side of the right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a length positioning sliding block 32 vertically disposed at a side of the right-width positioning sliding block 31 and the left-width positioning sliding block 33. Each of the positioning sliding blocks 31, ~~[[31]]~~ 32 and 33 has at least one projected portion 39 received in the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12. The projected portion 39 has two gear portions 37 and a transparent stop portion 16 formed thereon. The length positioning sliding block 32 has a first projected portion 392 and a second projected portion 391. The first projected portion 392 has a hollow concave portion 393 with an annular section at ~~[[a]]~~ an end thereof. One end of the second projected portion 391 has a transparent stop portion 16 in contact with the transparent plate 14, and another end of the second projected portion 391 received in the hollow concave portion 393. The positioning module 3 has an elastic element 34 disposed at an axle center of the first projected portion 392 and the second projected portion 391. The hollow concave portion 393 has an annular stop plate 394 in contact with the elastic element 34. The stop plate 394 defines an extended portion 395 extended therefrom to contact another elastic element 34. The positioning module 3 further includes at least one gear received in the hollow shell 1 for mating with the two gear portions 37. The gear has a first gear 35 and a second ~~wheel~~ gear 36 stacked with the first gear 35 on the same axle center, and an embedded element fixed between the two gears 35 and 36 for preventing displacement between two gears 35 and 36. The first gear 35 has a C-shaped retaining ring disposed at an end thereof for fixing the gears 35 and 36 on the projected portion 11. The first gear ~~[[25]]~~ 35 is $\frac{1}{2}$ times a pitch diameter of the second gear 36 for positioning a particular scanning article with a size of, for example, 3x5 or 4x6. The transparent stop portion 16 closely contacts a side of the scanning article and positions the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The scanning apparatus is coordinated with an image acquisition apparatus and software to enhance the accuracy and the scanning quality of the scanning apparatus.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 11 as follows:

Moreover, the backward module 4 has a first link 41 received in the concave groove 111 through the hollow shell 1, a second link 42 pivoted on a pivot portion 421 of an inside wall of the concave groove 111 and ~~[[a]]~~ an elastic element 44. One end of the second link 42 contacts one end of the first link 41, and another end of the second link 42 has a projected support 43 received in the concave hole ~~[[43]]~~ 143 of the transparent plate 14. One end of the elastic element 44 is connected to the transparent plate 14, and another end of the elastic element 44 is connected to the first link 41, so as to press a part of the first link 41 projected above the hollow shell 1 for backing the scanning article from the transparent plate 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 3 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 10 and FIG. 11, according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention, a positioning structure for the scanning article is provided, including a hollow shell 1, flexible element 2 and a positioning module 3. The hollow shell 1 is disposed on a scanning platform, and has at least one opening 12 and projected portion 11 formed thereon. Users can place the scanning article into the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12. The opening 12 has a cover plate 13 disposed thereon. The hollow shell 1 has a guiding ~~grove~~ groove formed from the opening 12 to pass through the hollow shell 1 for guiding the scanning article. The flexible element 2 is disposed in the hollow shell 1 to shelter the opening 12 or a gap of the opening 12 from light or dust. The positioning module 3 further includes a right-width positioning sliding block 31 and a length positioning sliding block 32 that has a protrusion 39 received in the hollow shell 1 through the opening 12 and the flexible element 2, and a transparent stop portion 16 formed on the projected portion 39. A user can move the positioning sliding block 31 or 32 along the opening 12 to control the transparent stop portion 16 to move on the transparent plate for adjusting a scanning article with a different size in a predetermined position for scanning. The positioning module 3 further includes an elastic element 34 received in the hollow shell 1. One side of the elastic element 34 contacts a concave portion 15 of the hollow shell 1, and another side of the elastic element 34 contacts the projected portion 39 for providing elasticity to make

the transparent stop portion 16 closely contact a side of the scanning article and positions the scanning article in a predetermined position for scanning. The scanning apparatus is coordinated with an image acquisition apparatus and software to enhance the accuracy and the scanning quality of the scanning apparatus.